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SUMMARY:

As a senior scientific engineer associate, I plan and design experiments, setup experimental systems, develop and/or verify analytical methods, optimize the processes, formulate chemical compounds, conduct instrumental analysis, review technical specifications, prepare standard operation procedures, prepare reports and presentations, and manage chemical inventory. Also, I manage the laboratories in good working condition, keep the laboratories in 100% compliance of Health Safety Environmental regulations. In addition, I provide training to junior/new group members, and troubleshoot various problems occurring at laboratory.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Investigate methods to characterize subsurface organic matters sampled in various climate, vegetation, and depth.
- Study relation of subsurface temperature-ground water level-surface soil CO₂ flux relation using soil packed column and incubation experiments.
- Investigate sustainable remediation method for U238 by precipitating uranium from an aqueous solution and/or sediment comprising uranium and/or vanadium. U.S. Patent was granted in 2013 (US 8,512,572 B1).
- Develop analytical methods for characterizing aqueous uranyl vanadate compounds in various oxic & pH conditions for investigating uranium vanadate precipitation.
- Investigate possible utilization of natural organic matters on enhanced oil recovery in combination with geological CO₂ storage.
- Study wettability alterations on various mineral surfaces caused by supercritical CO₂. The findings were published in one of the top rated peer reviewed scientific journal (Environmental Science and Technology, 2015).
- Design and build up microfluidic experimental system capable of in-situ imaging under high pressure and temperature condition.
- Collaborate with scientists in Molecular Foundry (Berkeley, CA) to prepare and characterize engineered nanoparticles.
- Study effects of cation concentration-salinity-pH on the stability of nanoparticles in aqueous phase.
- Investigate redox changes of uranium and its transport through saturated sediments by soilpacked column experiments.
- Investigate reactive transport of uranium in the Hanford vadose zone (to simulate the
 historical Hanford uranium spill event) by formulating/injecting chemical compounds for
 synthetic uranium waste solution.

- Elucidate thermal properties of double layered clay minerals using various in-situ high pressure/temperature analytical methods.
- Study adsorption properties of the double layered clay minerals under CO₂ atmosphere.
- Develop ceramic membrane preparation with the double layered clay minerals and investigated the transport properties under elevated pressure and temperature.
- Develop synthetic method for hyperbranched polymers and characterize them with various analytical instruments including photo luminescence, UVVIS, GPC, NMR, MS, and FTIR.

INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS (ADVANCED LEVEL):

- Electron microscopy: SEMEDAX / TEM
- Elemental analysis: ICPMS / ICPOES / TOCTIC / LSC / KPA
- Chromatography: GC / HPLC / GCMS/ IC / GPC
- Spectroscopy: FTIRDRIFT / UVVIS / XRD / microXRD / XRF / NMR / MS
- Thermal analysis: TGA / DTG / DSC
- Others: Dynamic Light Scattering / Zetapotential / BET / Autotitrator / pH meter /
 Conductivity meter / Turbidimeter / Microscopy / High Pressure System / Vacuum system /
 Ultracentrifuge

EDUCATION:

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, US

Doctorate, Major: Chemical Engineering

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea Master of Science, Major: Chemical Technology

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea Bachelor of Science, Major: Chemical Technology

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:

Shibo Wang, Tetsu K Tokunaga, Jiamin Wan, Wenming Dong, and Yongman Kim, Capillary pressure-saturation relations in quartz and carbonate sands: Limitations for correlating capillary and wettability influences on air, oil, and supercritical CO₂ trapping, Water Resources Research, 52, 6671-6690, 2016.

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Jiamin Wan, Tetsu K. Tokunaga, Yongman Kim, Eoin Brodie, Rebecca Daly, Terry C. Hazen, and Mary K. Firestone; Effect of organic carbon supply rates on uranium mobility in a previously bioreduced contaminated sediment, Environmental Science and Technology, 42(20), 7573-7579, 2008.

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